

Network Rack Ground Wire Connection



Article Overview

Proper grounding of a network rack involves connecting a dedicated grounding conductor from the rack's designated grounding point to the facility's grounding system to ensure safety and equipment protection.

Identifying the Grounding Point

Most network or server racks have a designated grounding point, typically a metal stud, terminal, or lug on the rack frame or chassis, often marked with a grounding symbol. This point serves as the common reference for earthing all components within the rack, including servers, switches, and power supplies .

Selecting the Grounding Conductor

Choose a copper conductor of adequate size based on local electrical codes and the amperage of the branch circuit feeding the rack. For most racks, a #6 AWG to #10 AWG copper wire is sufficient . The conductor should be flexible enough to route easily but robust enough to maintain a low-resistance path.

Connecting the Ground Wire

- **Attach to the Rack:** Secure one end of the grounding conductor to the rack's grounding point using a grounding lug and star washer to ensure clean metal-to-metal contact .
- **Route to Grounding Busbar:** Run the conductor to the nearest grounding busbar (TGB) or grounding electrode system. Avoid sharp bends and keep the wire as short as practical to minimize resistance

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generally grounding is a requirement for network racks, per defined in TI/EIA-942. its good practice because it helps direct the

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To ground a server rack, identify the grounding point, which is typically a metal stud or terminal on the rack's frame or

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